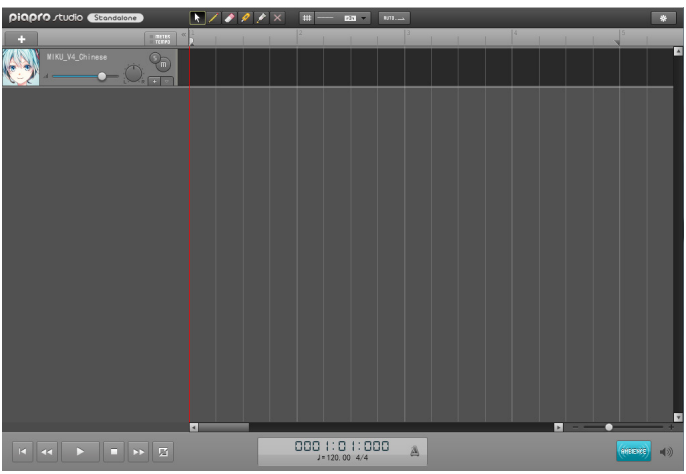
Quickstart Guide

Starting Piapro Studio

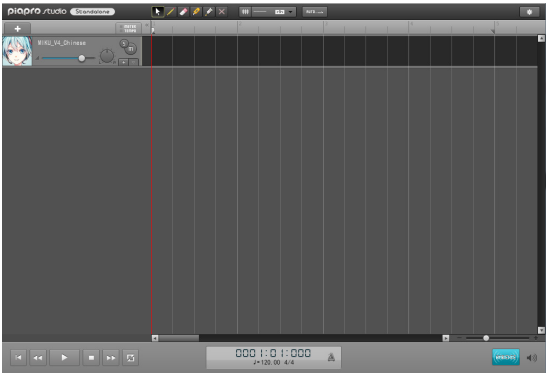
First, please start "Piapro Studio Standalone" for making song.

Windows users can start by clicking on the new shortcut icon on the desktop. Mac users can start by clicking the Finder application folder.

You are ready to make song when the "Piapro Studio Window" has been set up as shown below.



Piapro Studio Window



This is the window where you can create a vocal part using voice library.

Menu

Windows:

Mac:

You can select/use many functions from here. Please refer to the chapter "Menu" for more details.

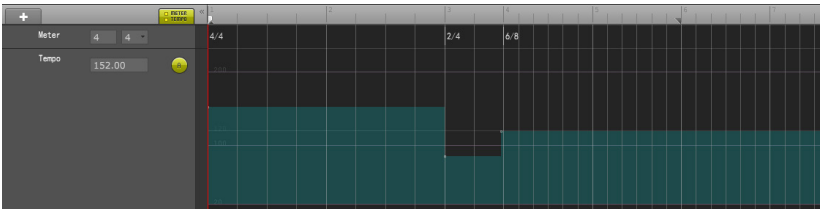
Tool Bar

You can select several tools from here. Please refer to the chapter "Tool bar" for more details.

Bar Line

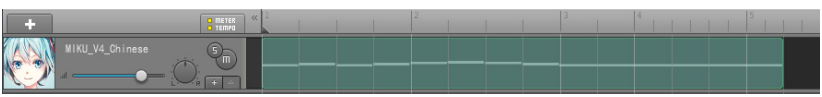
You can check the number of bars, loop area, destination of pasting notes here. The bar numbers are the same as those of the Host Application. Please refer to the chapter "Bar Line" for more details.

Meter Track and Tempo Track



Displays the Meter and Tempo that are saved in a le (Piapro Studio Song File, VSQ, VSQX, MIDI) when loaded into Piapro Studio. Please refer to the chapter "Meter / Tempo Track" for more details.

Track



You can write notes, lyrics, and set the performance control in this area. Please refer to the chapter "Track" for more details.

Scroll Bar

You can scroll the screen to the left and right using this scroll bar. The horizontal bar shown in the right allows you to zoom in/out the screen.

Transport Bar

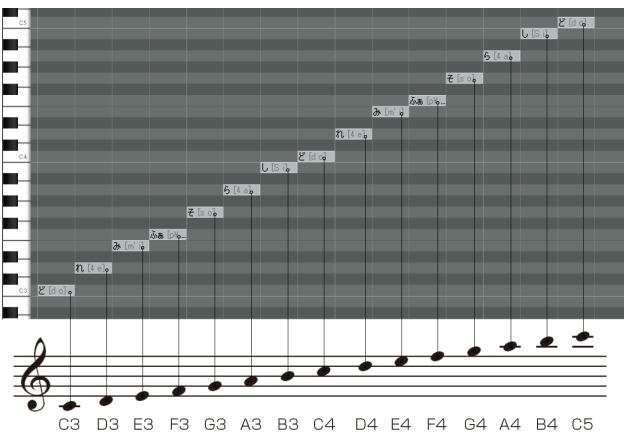
You can control the playback using this bar. Please refer to the chapter "Transport Bar" for more details.

About Pitch & Note Length

In the Piapro Studio piano roll screen, the vertical grid displays the pitch (interval) in the higher grid position which is the higher pitch and vice versa. The horizontal grid displays the timing and length of each note. The song is played back from left to right. The horizontal bars written in the grid are actually notes.

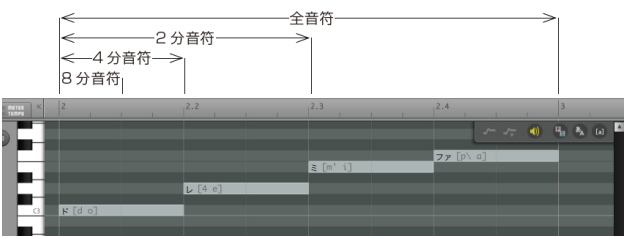
Pitch

The picture below displays how notes are written in Piapro Studio screen. Piapro Studio can of course play higher/lower pitch notes which are not shown in this screen shot.



Note Length

1 common bar contains 4 quarter notes.



Compose a Vocal Song with Piapro Studio

Playback

With the "Transport Bar" at the bottom of the Piapro Studio screen, you can play back your song. You can listen to the melody and lyrics you entered by pressing this button.

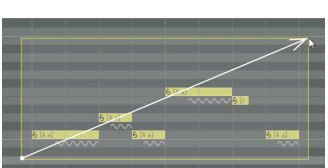
1. Locate Song Start	6. Loop Playback On/O
2. Go To Previous Bar	7. Metorome ON/OFF
3. Playback, Pause	8. AMBIENCE
4. Stop	9. Master Volume
5. Go To Next Bar	

1.Inputting Notes

Notes can be inputted in the Piano Roll Editor that appears when you double-click on the Track. Select "Pen Tool" and click&drag in the piano roll. You can draw the note as a bar and release the mouse when you are done.

Select a Note

Select a note by clicking on it with the "Select Tool" or "Pen Tool". The color will turn yellow when selected. Hold down the Ctrl(Win) / Command(Mac) Key to select several notes. This is very useful when moving/deleting several notes simultaneously.



By clicking&dragging on the editor screen using the Select Tool as shown on the left, all notes in the area will be selected.

Change Note Length

You can adjust the length of each note by dragging the edge of the note.

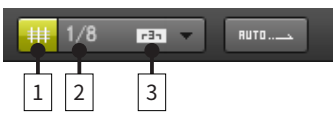
Moving and copying Notes

You can drag a note itself to left/right by selecting and dragging it. You can also copy it by holding down the Ctrl (Win) / Option(Mac) Key and draging the note to the left/right.

Deleting a Note

You can delete a note by selecting it and hitting Delete key or Backspace key.

Input triplet

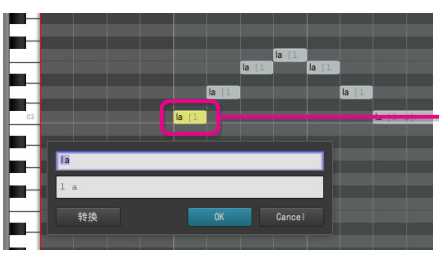


Depending on the song, you may need to input triplets. In such a case, please turn on "Snap On/ O " Button and "Triplet Notes" button (highlighted in yellow) as shown left. You can set the length of each note with Snap Value.

1. Snap On/Off	2. Snap Value	3. Triplet On/Off

2. Inputting Lyrics

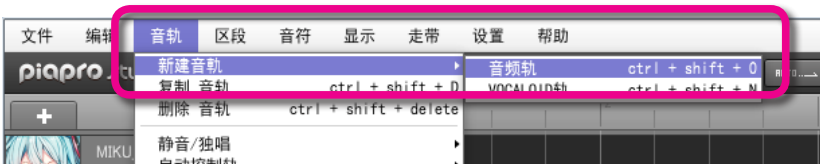
After inputting notes, let's input lyrics. Double click on the rst note of the melody, then the "Lyrics Palette" will pop-up (as shown below).



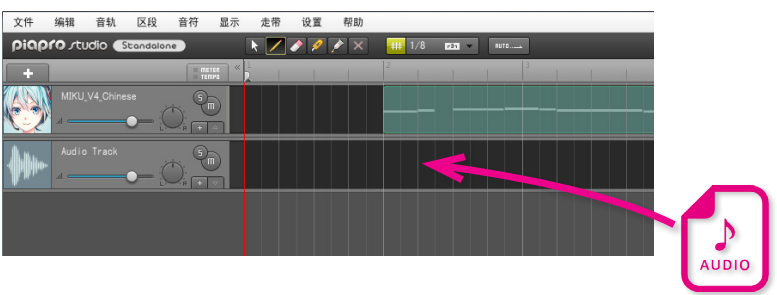
Double click on the first note

Importing Audio Files

Piapro Studio Standalone has audio tracks. In the audio track, you can use audio files (WAV, AIFF, MP3 files) such as karaoke and loop material.



Audio tracks can be created with Track > New Track > Audio Track. (See above) You can drag&drop audio file into a audio track. However, You can not adjust the length of the audio file to the tempo of Piapro Studio. Also, you can not recording into a audio track.



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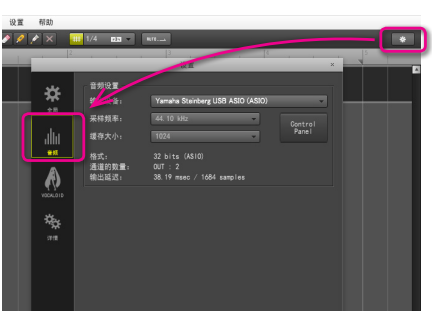
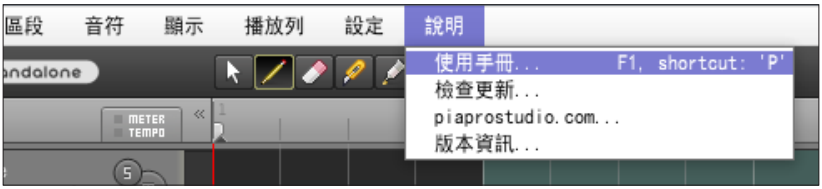


Please check "Audio Setting" window (see left) and try to change the output device used in Piapro Studio.

For details on how to use Piapro Studio, refer to the user's guide of the help menu (see below).



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